

### Modular Approach: Thermal Conversion of MSW



## The Problem: Increasing Population

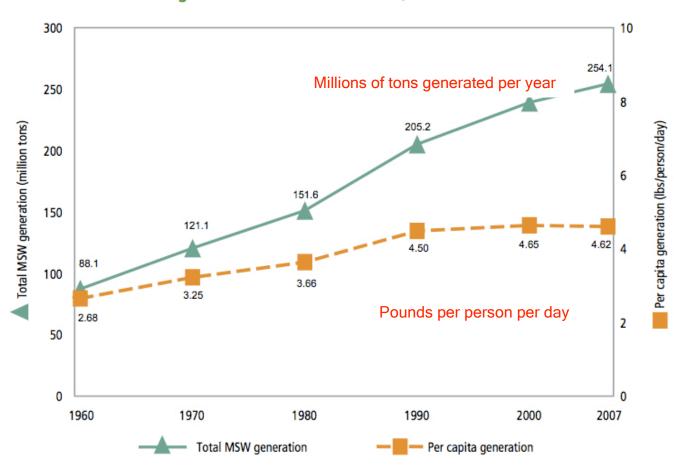
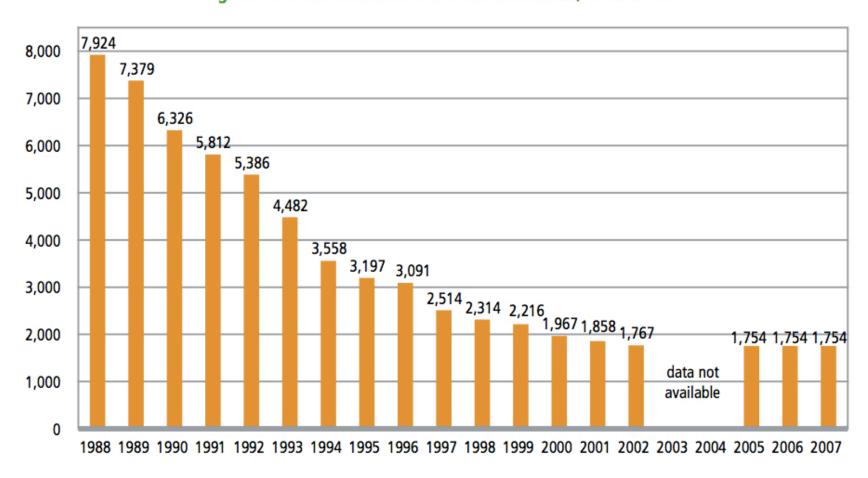


Figure 1. MSW Generation Rates, 1960 to 2007

## Adding to the Problem: Fewer Landfills

Figure 7. Number of Landfills in the United States, 1988 to 2007



## Who is Remediation Earth, Inc. ("REI")?

- Private Nevada Corp June 2007
- Licensed, proven "non-incineration" technologies
  - Thermo-chemical conversion; little or no oxygen
- Remediate wastes- valuable energy products
  - Liquid/gaseous fuels, Electricity, steam and heat
  - Carbon Black & Agri-Char (a CO<sub>2</sub> sequestrant)
- Advanced Oxidation Process water treatment
  - "AOP" is chemical free- EPA registered

# 20 Years Modular System Experience



**Intelligent Filtration System- PEMEX Mexico** 

#### **REI's Solution:**

"Separate From MSW and Convert to Higher Value"

- Use proven thermal conversion technologies
  - Pyrolysis I, Hybrid-Pyrolysis II & gasification
- Gasification of MSW to power- not cost effective
  - At \$0.09/kWhr, \$90/ton + \$40 tipping =\$130/ton (2009)
- Separate plastics from MSW; > 3X profit !!
  - 160 gallons/ton syn-diesel; \$320/ton @ \$2.00/gal (2009)
  - 200 lbs carbon black/ton (10%); \$100 @ \$0.50/lb (2009)
- Smaller units; production flexibility- market need
  - Less impact from yearly scheduled Maintenance

#### **REI: Thermal Conversion- Not Incineration**

- Incineration is combustion- many "Aliases"
  - Waste-to-energy ("WTE"), energy from waste ("efW")
  - Advanced thermal recovery ("ATR"), "mass burn"
- The lines are "blurred"; people are confused
  - Incineration, WTE, efW, ATR & mass burn- all combustion
  - Pyrolysis uses little or no O<sub>2</sub>- not combustion
  - Gasification uses sub-stoichiometric O<sub>2</sub>- not combustion
- Method of treating emissions is key
  - Mass burn- can only treat fully combusted exhaust
  - Thermal Conversion: intermediate step for gas cleanup
  - REI's emissions: meets worldwide standards & CA

# Emission Gasses: REI's 25 t/d Pyrolysis Units (Limit Values & Measured Values)

Pollutant	Emission Limit Values		Measured Value *
Politiant	EU	US	wieasured varde
Dioxins & PCB concentration Toxicity	0.2 ng-TE/m3 0.1 ng/m3N	13 ng/dscm	0.00006 ngTEQ/m3 <sub>N</sub>
Oxygen	11%	N/A	Calculated with 11%
Particulates	10 mg/m3	24 mg/dscm	1.0 mg/m3N
Sulphur oxide	5 mg/m3	29 ppmv	Below 3.57mg/m3N
Nitrogen dioxide	400 mg/m3	180 ppmv	84.4 mg/m3N
Hydrogen chloride	10 mg/m3	29 ppmv	6.7 mg/m3N
Carbon monoxide	10 mg/m3		Below 1.39 mg/m3N
Water			10.2%
Emission gas temperature			178°C
Emission gas flow rate (Wet)	-	-	1270 m3N/h
(Dry)	-	-	1140 m3N/h

<sup>\*</sup>Actual test measurements by independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party Japanese certified lab

## Technologies That Convert All These Wastes . . .

# **Organic Waste**



Hybrid Pyrolysis II - "Green" Diesel

# **Petroleum Product Waste**



Pyrolysis I – SynDiesel

. . . Into High-Value Liquid/Gaseous Fuels and Electricity

#### Pyrolysis I

#### Value-Added Products/Ton

Tires (100 per ton) \*80 gallons #2 fuel oil 640 lbs carbon black,300 lbs scrap steel

- Mixed Plastics (PP, PE, PS)

\*160 gallons #2 fuel oil & synthetic diesel 160 lbs carbon black

- Medical Waste

\*110 gallons "black" #2 fuel oil, syn-diesel 120 lbs carbon black

e-Waste (Plastics with fire retardant)



\*80 gallons "black" diesel 80 lbs carbon black

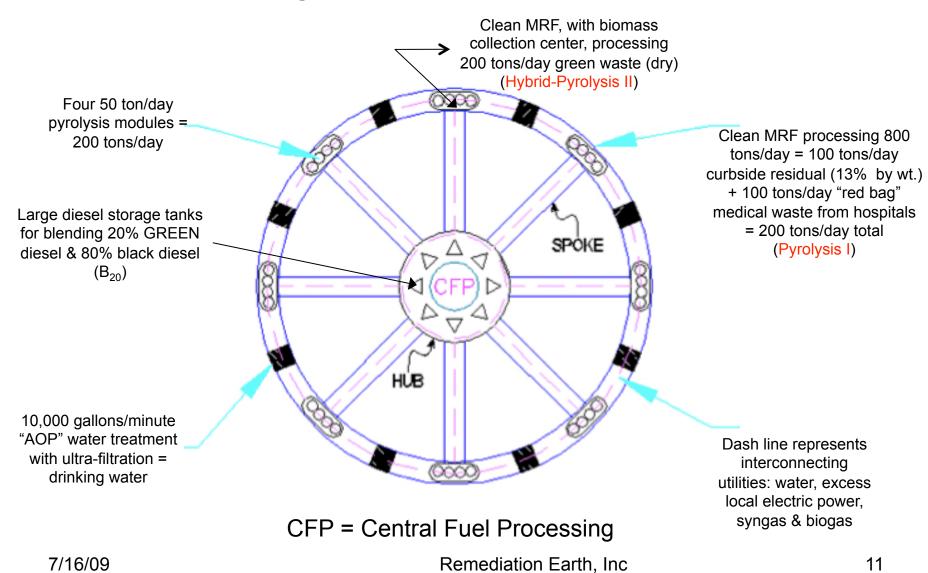
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\*60 to 80 gallons (see Note) 200 lbs char/ash, depending on content

Note: Amount of oil production mainly a function of % plastic \* Deductions made for 12% -14% oil used for parasitic needs

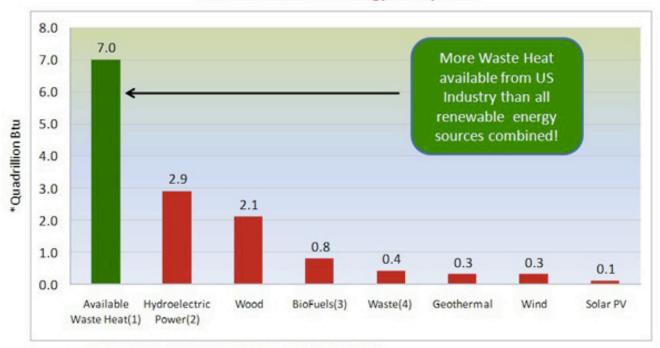
## REI's "Wagon Wheel" Modular Approach



# Looking in all the wrong places . . .

#### Renewable Energy Consumption by Source

US DOE - EIA Annual Energy Survey 2006



<sup>\*</sup>One Quadrillion Btu is equal to one US football field 3.5 miles high of oil

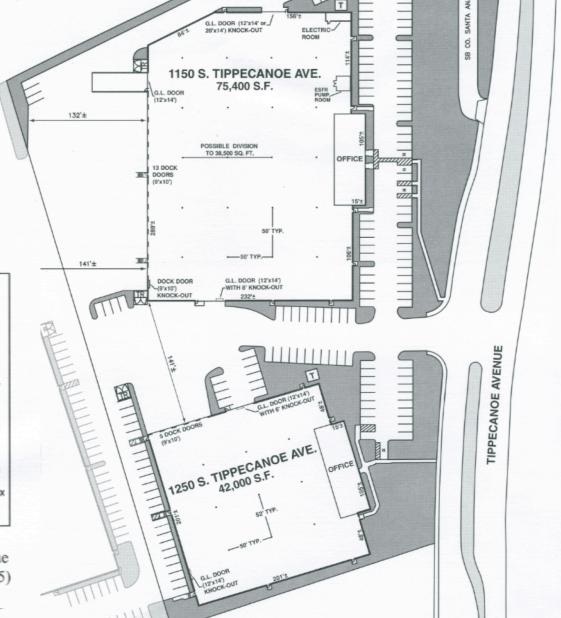
<sup>1) 24.7</sup> Quads of energy is used by industry - of this 20-50 percent is lost in the form of Waste Heat (US DOE)

<sup>2)</sup> Conventional hydroelectric power.

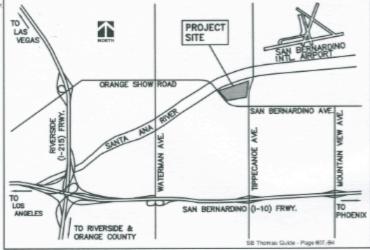
<sup>3)</sup> Fuel ethanol and biodiesel consumption, plus losses and co-products from the production of fuel ethanol and biodiesel.

<sup>4)</sup> Municipal solid waste from biogenic sources, landfill gas, sludge waste, agricultural byproducts, and other biomass. Through 2000, also includes non-renewable waste (municipal solid waste from non-biogenic sources, and tire-derived fuels).

### REI's San Bernardino Facility: Four 50 ton/day Pyrolysis Plants = 200 t/d



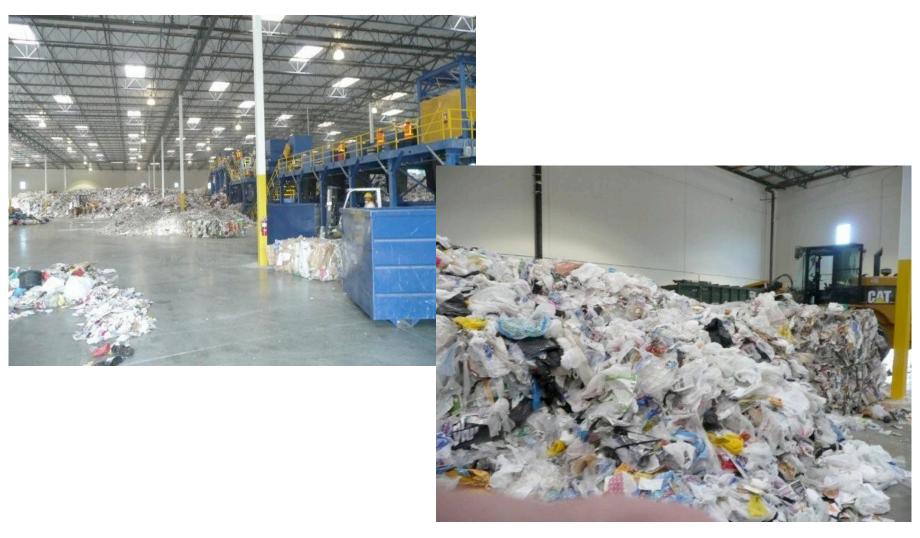
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**FREEWAY CLOSE** - One mile north of the San Bernardino (I-10) Freeway via the Tippecanoe Avenue on/off ramp and two miles east of the Riverside (I-215) Freeway via the Orange Show Road on/off ramps.

## IEE's Clean Material Recovery Facility ("MRF")

-1150 S. Tippecanoe Ave.-

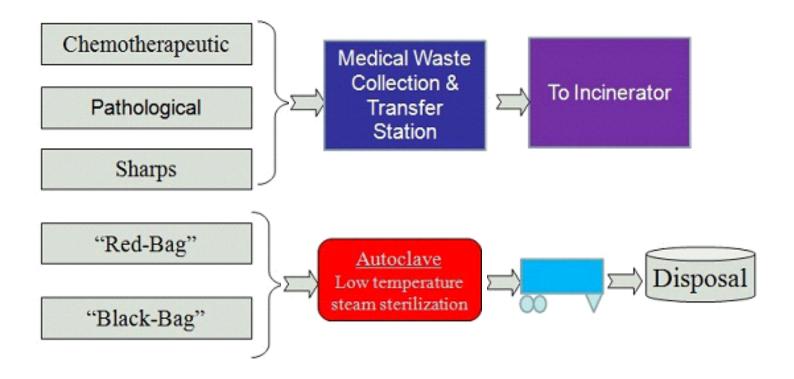


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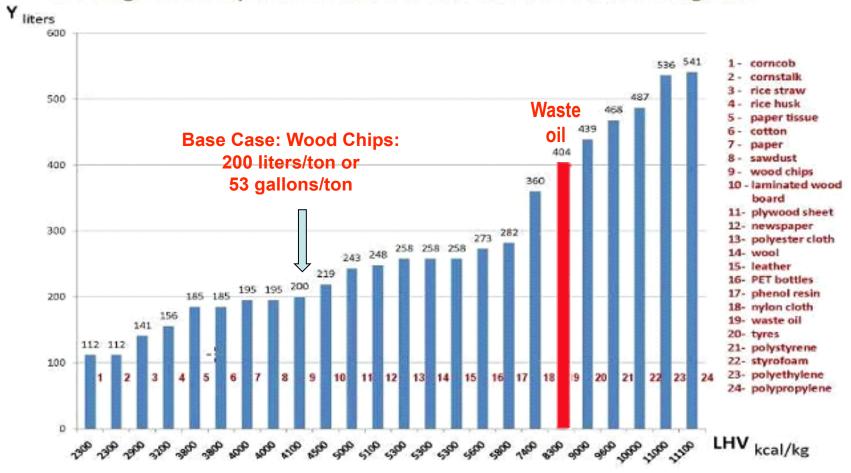
25 Ton per Day Continuous Pyrolysis Unit

# Basic Flow Diagram of Hospital/Medical Waste Process (How most medical waste processors operate)



#### **Green Diesel Yield**

"Green" diesel yield from different materials: liters of green diesel per ton of the feedstock as function of Low Heating Value



#### Hybrid-Pyrolysis II

## "Green" Diesel vs. "Black" Diesel

#### Green diesel properties

Compared with a commercial diesel, green diesel has higher cetane value, lower density, and narrower boiling temperature range with lower high-boiling point. In addition, green diesel has no aromatic content that is believed to be the cause of particulate matters (PM) in exhaust. Furthermore, green diesel excels in NOx reduction and contains no sulphur and thereby expedites the PM reduction effect of oxidation catalyst.

Parameter	Green diesel	Commercial diesel*
LHV [MJ/kg]	43.5	43.5
Air-oil ratio [kg/kg]	14.9	14.6
Density [kg/m3]	763	802
Cetane number	78.4	59.9
Kinematic viscosity (at 30 C)	4.44	2.20
High-frequency reciprocating rig HFRR (μ m )	580	440
Oxygen content (mass %)	< 0.1	0
Carbon content (mass %)	84.9	87.5
Hydrogen content (mass %)	15.1	12.5
Sulphur content (mass %)	~ 0	< 0.005

<sup>\*</sup>Sample parameters can fluctuate

## The End

